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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : **P&G case 8786**
Margaret Henderson Hasse : Confirmation No. 7943
Serial No. 09/993,988 : Group Art Unit 3761
Filed November 16, 2001 : Examiner Ruhl, D.W.

For Tampon with Fluid Wicking Overwrap
with Skirt Portion

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of May 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows, consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.